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### 1. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN MARINE OPNS CENTER HAS ADVISED USCG ABOUT  
RADIO REPORTS RECEIVED IN CANBERRA THAT AMERICAN-REGISTERED  
YACHT W/3 AMCITS ABOARD WAS FIRED ON/RAMMED BY ARMED  
VESSELS IN THAI GULF. RADIO MESSAGE PURPORTEDLY FROM  
YACHT, "BRILLIG", PICKED UP BY SEVERAL AMATUER RADIO  
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OPERATORS IN AUSTRALIA LATE WEDNESDAY. MARINE OPNS  
CENTER SPOKESMAN SAID US AUTHORITIES HAD NOT INFORMED  
THEM WHAT ACTION THEY PROPOSED TO TAKE (REUTER CANBERRA).

### 2. KOREA

UNC HAS ASKED NK RETURN SKOREAN ARMY PLANE/2 CREWMEN WHO  
NK SAYS DEFECTED, BUT WHO SK SAYS ACCIDENTALLY FLEW INTO  
NK 10/12. NO DETAILS ABOUT INCIDENT RELEASED/SPOKESMAN  
SAID NO RESPONSE HAS COME FROM NK (REUTER SEOUL).

ROKG HAS TAKEN EMERGENCY STOP-GAP MEASURES TO CURB CONTINUING INCREASE IN FOREX HOLDINGS. FINANCE MINISTRY ORDERED TEMPORARY BAN ON CONVERSION INTO LOCAL CURRENCY REMITTANCES

FROM KOREAN CONSTRUCTION FIRMS OVERSEAS IN ATTEMPT HOLD YR-END FOREX LEVEL TO 4.2 BIL DOLS (REUTER SEOUL 10/12).

### 3. JAPAN

JAPANESE EMB SAID 10/12 JAPAN'S GOVT/STEEL INDUSTRY "WILLING TO NEGOTIATE" INTL TRADE AGREEMENT THAT COULD LIMIT STEEL EXPORTS TO US. COMMERCIAL MINISTER KAWAHARA SAID JAPANESE WILLING REACH "REASONABLE AND PRACTICAL" AGREEMENT PROVIDED SUCH ACCORD COVERED OTHER STEEL-EXPORTING NATIONS SUCH AS BRAZIL/SK (SIKORA, PHINQ).

EMB'S ECON MIN FUKADA STRESSED TO REPORTERS THAT STEEL FIRMS IN TROUBLE WORLDWIDE, NOT JUST IN US, ADDING SOME 29 OF 59 STEEL FURNACES IN JAPAN SHUT DOWN. STATED JAPAN PREPARED STUDY "ANY REASONABLE PROPOSAL" FOR EASING TENSION OVER EXPORTS, NOTING VOLUNTARY TRADE RESTRICTIONS ARE "POSSIBILITY" (BEHR, SUN; NAUMANN, JOC). WP'S PINE UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDS FUKADA ALSO SAID JAPAN "DOING ALL IT PROMISED...AND MORE" AS CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD ECON RECOVERY. ECON MIN ALSO REJECTED SUGGESTION BY IMF DIRECTOR WITTEVEEN THAT JAPAN TURN TO TAX CUTS RATHER THAN INCREASED SPENDING AS MEANS SPURRING LAGGING ECONOMY.

HOLUSHA (WSTAR) CITES JAPANESE EMB COMMENT THAT VOLUNTARY EXPORT CURBS ARE "GOOD IMMEDIATE AND TEMPORARY SOLUTION" TO PROBLEM, BUT NOTES UNITED STEELWORKERS UNION PRES MCBRIDE STILL CALLS FOR FORCIBLE USG ACTIONS TO EASE DAMAGE IMPORTS HAVE DONE TO US STEEL INDUSTRY. GOVT OFFICIALS/STEEL INDUSTRY REPS TO MEET AT WH 10/14.

FUKUDA TELLS MITI/AGRIC-FOREST MINISTRY TO "TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS" EXPAND JAPAN'S IMPORTS US-MADE GOODS/FARM PRODUCTS. PM EXPLAINED WHEN GIVING ORDER SUCH MEASURES "ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY" TO CORRECT WIDENING US-JAPAN TRADE IMBALANCE. FUKUDA REPORTEDLY INFORMED BY AMB TOGO/THRU UNOFFICIAL CHANNELS THAT TRADE PROBLEM RAPIDLY BECOMING CRITICAL POL ISSUE IN US (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

SPEAKING TO TOKYO FON CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB 10/12, EC PRES JENKINS WARNED JAPAN MUST GREATLY INCREASE IMPORTS MFRD GOODS FROM EC COUNTRIES TO CORRECT ANNUAL BILAT TRADE IMBALANCE, NOW APPROACHING 5 BIL DOLS. SAID UNLESS JAPANESE DEAL W/PROBLEM, IMBALANCE INEVITABLY WILL LEAD TO INCREASED PROTECTIONISM. EMPHASIZED EC EXPORTS TO

JAPAN PAY FOR ONLY ABOUT 40 PCT EC'S IMPORTS FROM JAPAN  
(CULLISON).

SOVIET-JAPANESE OIL DRILLING VENTURE SAID 10/12 IT HAD

LOCATED SIGNIFICANT OILFIELD OFF SOVIET ISLE SAKHALIN.  
SAKHALIN OIL CO PRES SAID DEPOSITS THERE COULD BE LARGEST  
IN ASIA, SURPASSING THOSE OF INDONESIA (UPI, NYT).

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JAPAN'S NATL SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WILL LAUNCH 1ST  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE FROM CAPE CANAVERAL  
12/9. DEVICE TO BE CARRIED BY NASA ROCKET (REUTER TOKYO  
10/12).

KET (REUTER TOKYO

CULLISON REPORTS 5TH ROUND US-JAPAN CIVIL AVIATION TALKS  
ENTER 2ND WK W/O SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS BEING MADE. PESSI-  
MISTIC VIEWS PREVAIL ON BOTH SIDES, MOST LIKELY CAUSING  
TALKS REMAIN STALEMATED.

#### 4. MALAYSIA

IN KL, JOC'S LORENZ REPORTS TRADE/INDUSTRY MINISTER  
INFORMED MULTINATLS OPERATING IN MALAYSIA THAT THEY WOULD  
BE EXEMPT FROM INDUSTRIAL COORDINATION ACT, WHICH REQUIRES  
INCREASED ETHNIC MALAY PARTICIPATION IN BUSINESSES.  
SPEAKING AT TRADE FAIR OPENING RECENTLY, MINISTER SAID HE  
WAS AWARE SOME MFRS HESITANT EXPAND/DIVERSIFY BECAUSE  
THEY FEARED GOM WOULD INSIST ON CHANGES IN THEIR EQUITY  
STRUCTURE.

#### 5. CHINA

SPEAKING AT 10/12 BANQUET FOR VISITING FRG FM GENSCHER,  
LI HSIEN-HIEN LAUNCHED SCATHING ATTACK ON SOVIET--WHICH  
HE CALLED SUPERPOWER "WITH HONEY IN ITS MOUTH AND BILE IN  
ITS HEART" (REUTER, SUN).

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AP NOTES SPOKESMAN FOR PRC SOCCER TEAM SAID "FRIENDSHIP  
FIRST, COMPETITION SECOND," UPON GROUP'S 10/12 ARRIVAL  
FOR GAME WITH TAMPA TEAM. TEAM LEADER SAID CHINESE IN  
US TO ADVANCE FRIENDSHIP; "MAIN PURPOSE" OF INTL COMPETI-  
TION IS TO "ADVANCE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING OF  
NATIONS." NCUSCR SPOKESMAN SAID CHINESE TEAM VISITED  
"DISNEY WORLD," WHICH WAS BIG SURPRISE TO THEM; GROUP

RAVED OVER HAMBURGERS, VISITED CIGAR FACTORY/BUSCH GARDENS IN TAMPA (SUN).

NCNA REPORTS PRC AIRMEN HAVE TAKEN MAO'S ADVICE--ARE BECOMING SPARE-TIME FARMERS, TENDING CABBAGES/OTHER VEGETABLES AROUND COUNTRY'S MIL AIRFIELDS. SOME UNITS EVEN HAD SURPLUS OF GRAIN/OTHER FARM PRODUCE TO SELL STATE (REUTER'S MACKENZIE, PEKING).

#### 6. PHILIPPINES

IN WRITTEN ANSWER TO REPORTER'S QUESTIONS WEDNESDAY, DOS SAID HIGH-LEVEL TALKS W/PHILIPPINE LEADERS TO EXPLORE MAJOR ISSUES IN BILATERAL RELS/FUTURE US BASES THERE HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE; 3 MTGS HELD PAST MO W/MORE EXPECTED AFTER NEWSOM CONFIRMED (REUTER, 10/12).

ECGD IS GUARANTEEING REPAYMENT/FUNDING FOR 3.2 MIL-DOL LOAN WHICH MORGAN GRENFELL CO IS MAKING TO SULU AGRO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORP--1ST ECGD-BACKED LOAN TO PHILIPPINES--FOR COPRA PLANT AT JOLO (JOC SPEC).

MORITZ (CSM) CITES SIGNS OF WEAKENING PRECARIOUS CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN GOVT FORCES/MUSLEM REBELS; SAYS SOME OBSERVERS THINK MARCOS MOVED AWAY FROM ACCEPTING MEDIATION CALLED FOR IN JANUARY CONF, PREFERING DIRECT NEGOTS W/ MNLF.

SPURRED BY LAST-MINUTE CONCESSION FROM PRES CARTER, UNCLASSIFIED

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HOUSE/SENATE CONFEREES BROKE IMPASSE 10/12 THAT HAS BLOCKED PASSAGE 6.8 BIL DOL FON AID BILL FOR MORE THAN 2 WKS. NEW COMPROMISE INCLUDES MIL AID TO PHILIPPINES, WHICH NOW DUE RECEIVE 18.1 MIL DOLS IN GRANTS, 700,000 DOLS IN TRAINING, 18.5 MIL DOLS IN GUARANTEED LOANS (OF WHICH CONGRESS WOULD APPROPRIATE 1.85 MIL DOLS TO BACK LOANS). HOUSE ALSO AGREED W/DRAW RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD HAVE PREVENTED US CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTL BANKS FROM GOING TO 7 COUNTRIES ALLEGEDLY GROSS VIOLATORS HUMAN RIGHTS, INCL CAMBODIA/LAOS/VIETNAM (MCBEE, WP).

#### 7. BURMA/THAILAND

AFP (RANGOON) REPORTS BURMESE PATROL BOAT SANK THAI TRAWLER/SEIZED ANOTHER LAST MON WHILE CRUISING IN THAI WATERS. 2 CREWMEN SWAM TO SHORE BUT FATE OF 40 OTHER CREWMEN UNKNOWN (WP).

#### 8. INDONESIA

MORGAN (WP)WRITES ON SENATE FOREIGN ECON POL SUBCMTE

HEARINGS ON ROLE OF US GOVT IN PERTAMINA AFFAIR, SAYING, WHILE EXAMINERS FOR COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY ISSUED '74 WARNING THAT PRIVATE BANKS REDUCE LOANS TO ITALY BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL CONDITIONS THERE, OFFICE DECLINED DESIGNATE TROUBLED INDONESIAN STATE OIL CO AS HIGH-RISK RECIPIENT PRIVATE MONEY--EVEN THO PERTAMINA WAS FACING DEFAULT. NOTES EA'S HEGINBOTHAM SAYS DOS HAD ADVISED FRB/OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF SITUATION. TREASURY SPOKESMAN SAID COMPTROLLER NEVER COMMENTS ON POLICY TOWARD INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, ADDING INDONESIA/ITALY HAD SHARPLY DIFFERING ECON SITUATIONS, INDO HAVING SUBSTANTIAL OIL/ NATURAL RESOURCES, ACCESS TO FON AID.  
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#### 9. INDOCHINA

CONFIDENTIAL WORLD BANK STUDY, OBTAINED BY WSJ (KRAMER), SAYS VN'S ECON PLANNERS MAY BE TOO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT COUNTRY'S ABILITY EXPAND EXPORTS GREATLY TO HELP PAY FOR MASSIVE IMPORTS/FON LOANS. ESTIMATES SRV HAS BEEN ABLE BORROW ONLY 300 MIL DOLS OVER PAST 2 YRS FROM COMMERCE SOURCES, MOSTLY BANKS THAT WANT GET IN ON GROUND FLOOR OF FUTURE DEALINGS W/VN. MOST AUTHORITATIVE STUDY OF VN'S ECON TO EMERGE SINCE NVN/SVN MERGED, SAYS CAPITAL FLOW FROM NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES/INSTITUTIONS WILL SURPASS THAT FROM COMMUNIST SOURCES FOR NEXT SEVERAL YRS. ONE MAJOR WAY VN INTENDS PAY FOR OVERSPENDING IS BY INCREASING AGRIC PROD/LIMITING FOOD IMPORTS; BUT REPORT SAYS PLANNED SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD BY '80 ISN'T POSSIBLE.

#### COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 10. CHINA

CONTINUING SERIES, MUNRO (TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL) EXAMINES LOT OF APPROXIMATELY 30 MILLION "RICH PEASANTS" IN PRC WHO, BECAUSE OF THEIR "BAD CLASS BACKGROUNDS," ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF LIVES. CITES EXPLANATION OF US SINOLOGIST CURT KRAUS THAT BY KEEPING HEAT ON FORMER LANDLORDS/RICH PEASANTS/OLD BOURGEOIS ELEMENTS, CHINESE OFFICIALS DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THEMSELVES--NEW BOURGEOISE THAT MAO IDENTIFIED AS NEW/MORE DANGEROUS CLASS PROBLEM FACING COUNTRY (WP, CHITRIB, NYT).

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) CITES 8,000-WORD ARTICLE IN "HISTORICAL RESEARCH" BY YEN CHUNG-PING WHICH DENOUNCES "COLUMBUS THE COLONIALIST PIRATE." ARTICLE CHARGES COLUMBUS BELONGED TO "PETTY BOURGEOIS FAMILY THAT WAS TRYING TO CLIMB UP-  
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WARD." MATHEWS FINDS NOTHING HERE TO SUGGEST THIS IS "JUST ANOTHER BACKHANDED PEKING SWIPE" AT US FOR FAILING NORMALIZE WITH PEKING--NOTES AUTHOR, IN FACT, "GRACIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGES HIS DEBT" TO US HISTORIAN SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON IN SEVERAL FOOTNOTES. SAYS, INSTEAD, CHINESE "BETRAY THEIR INABILITY TO RESIST" TEMPTATION TO TWIST SACRED WESTERN LEGENDS AROUND THEIR MARXIST SPINDLES.

11. INDOCHINA

BRADSHER (WSTAR 10/12) WRITES THAT CHINA/VN/CAMBODIA LOCKED IN TENSE TRIANGLE SINCE FALL OF US-BACKED GOVTS IN INDOCHINA, WHILE LAOS IS CLOSELY ATTACHED HANOI. CAMBODIAN RULERS, HE SAYS, DISPLAYING SIGNS OF APPREHENSION ABOUT VN'S LONG-TERM ATTITUDE TOWARD THEIR COUNTRY. FOLLOWING BORDER CLASHES IN AREAS WHERE VN WAS GOBBLING UP CAMBODIAN TERRITORY CENTURY AGO, THEY HAVE EMPHASIZED DETERMINATION TO DEFEND WHAT IS LEFT OF OLD EMPIRE, LOOKING FOR SUPPORT FROM PRC WHICH OPPOSES VN'S GOALS OF CONTROLLING ALL INDOCHINA/PREFERS HAVE WEAK NEIGHBORS ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD EACH OTHER. QUOTES POL POT IN PEKING 2 WKS AGO AS SAYING MAO "ALWAYS PERSONALLY SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED US."

12. INDONESIA

SCHORR (WSJ) NOTES PERTAMINA ORGANIZED NEW VENTURE IN DINING IN NYC, ROUNDING UP INVESTORS OF RAMAYANA INDONESIAN RESTAURANT--CLASSIC CASE STUDY OF HOW INTL CORPS CAN BE PRESSURED BY DIRECT THREATS TO THEIR FON INVESTMENTS/HOW THEY SUCCUMB TO SUCH PRESSURE. SAYS NUMBER INVESTORS--MANY, ACCORDING SEC, ALONG US' LARGEST OIL COMPANIES .PLAINLY WERE OUT TO CURREY FAVOR W/INDONESIANS; UNCLASSIFIED

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QUOTES ONE OIL CO EXEC--"I GUESS IF WE ARE GOING TO OPERATE IN INDONESIA WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THIS." BUT EVENTS, HE SAYS, PROVED SKEPTICS RIGHT. RAMAYANA, CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR REPAIRS, BEEN STEADY MONEY LOSER.

13. KOREA

SAFIRE (NYT) CLAIMS JAWORSKI ONLY GIVING "ILLUSION" OF RELENTLESS PROGRESS IN KOREAN INVESTIGATION, WHILE ASSURING NO SITTING MEMBER WILL TURN UP INVOLVED. SUGGESTS EVERY MEMBER CONGRESS SHOULD BE REQUIRED, UNDER OATH, TESTIFY BEFORE ETHICS CMTE ON AFFAIR. SAYS JAWORSKI THUS FAR HAS BEEN SATISFIED BY "UNSWORN QUESTIONNAIRE THAT CLEARS NO INNOCENT OFFICEHOLDERS AND WORRIES NO GUILTY ONES." ALSO SAYS EVERY ETHICS CMTE MEMBER, "EVEN REPUBLICANS," SHOULD BE GIVEN LAWFUL ACCESS TO ALL INFO GATHERED BY ITS STAFF/

FORWARDED BY JUSTICE, CIA. URGES HOUSE PASS RESOLUTION  
"NOW, THIS WEEK," CUTTING OFF ALL AID TO SK UNTIL ROKG  
PRODUCES TONGSUN PARK.

14. AUSTRALIA

CSM PRINTS ABRIDGED TEXT OF FRASER INTERVIEW W/GENE/TERRY  
BRADLEY, COFOUNDERS INTL MANAGEMENT/DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE.  
FRASER SEES GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FON INVESTMENT AS  
LABOR UNREST DECREASES. SAYS THIS FACT HAS ALSO CON-  
TRIBUTED TO RESTORING WORLD CONFIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA'S  
MINING/MFG INDUSTRIES. REMARKS COUNTRY SLOWING CHANGING  
INDUSTRIAL LAWS, WHICH HE SEES LEADING TO GENERALLY  
IMPROVED INDUSTRIAL CLIMATE.

LAT'S MCARTHUR (10/9) DOES ITEM ON STRIKE PROCLIVITY  
AUSTRALIAN LABOR FORCE. CITES NUMEROUS EXAMPLES RECENT  
STRIKE ACTIONS, WHICH GOA OFFICIAL DESCRIBES AS "DEPLORABLE  
EXAMPLE OF LABOR RELATIONS HERE." STATES NEITHER MAJOR  
PARTY HAS SHOWN MUCH KNACK FOR PLANNING CLEAR COURSE  
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AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY. ADDS 1 W DIPLOMAT, "IN MANY WAYS  
AUSTRALIA IS JUST BADLY MANAGED."

15. NEW ZEALAND

CSM'S CARTHEW (WELLINGTON) CITES ITC'S SEPT RULING THAT  
BEEF IMPORTS HAVE NOT DAMAGED US CATTLE INDUSTRY. NZ  
BEEF INDUSTRY INTERESTS SEE DECISION AS CLEARING PATH FOR  
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT US MKT, PROMPTING MULDOON PUT CONTINUOUS  
PRESSURE FOR IMPROVED DEAL IN US MKT. QUOTES PM AT  
DEDICATION CEREMONIES NEW AMEMB CHANCELLERY THAT IN ORDER  
BUY NECESSARY MIL HARDWARE, NZ MUST EXPORT MORE BEEF TO US.  
CARTHEW ADDS IS ALMOST "FOREGONE CONCLUSION" BEEF ISSUE  
WILL BE MAJOR TOPIC DISCUSSION IN UPCOMING CARTER/MULDOON  
MTG. VANCE

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